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June 24, 2009

Chris Banken, Executive Director
Mingus Mountain Academy
P.O. Box 26485
Prescott Valley, AZ 86312

Subject: **Initial Certification for Out-of-State Group Home**
Mingus Mountain: Farrington House (CDSS facility #602300061)

Dear Mr. Banken:

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that effective the date of this letter, Mingus Mountain's Farrington House is certified as meeting California Title 22 licensing standards as they apply to children's group homes. This certification is good for one year or until June 24, 2010.

California licensing standards require all serious incidents be reported to CDSS' Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he or she is a California placement. Incident reporting shall include the following:

- a. Deaths
- b. Suicide attempts
- c. Suspected physical, sexual or psychological abuse
- d. Epidemic outbreaks and catastrophes
- e. Use of restraint (whether or not they result in an injury to a child.)
- f. Any unusual incident or absence that threatens the physical or emotional health or safety of a child.
- g. Injuries and illnesses that require hospitalization or medical treatment (beyond first aid.)

Certification will continue to be reviewed annually. We will be following our Department policy which authorizes us to inspect facilities with or without appointment as necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol at (916) 838-5751; or myself at (916) 327-8763.

Sincerely,

MEI YUK KUNG, PROGRAM CHIEF

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

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| FACILITY NAME: | MINGUS MOUNTAIN: FARRINGTON HOUSE | FACILITY NUMBER: | 602300061 |
| ADMINISTRATOR: | CHRIS BANKEN | FACILITY TYPE: | 731 |
| ADDRESS: | 100 S. DEWEY ROAD | TELEPHONE: | (928) 632-8828 |
| CITY: | DEWEY | STATE: | AZ |
| CAPACITY: | 9 | ZIP CODE: | 86327 |
| TYPE OF VISIT: | <i>Initial Certification</i> | CENSUS: | 8 |
| MET WITH: | Jessi Peter, Team Leader; Bo Fleming, Quality Assurance Director | DATE: | 04/29/2009 |
| | | TIME BEGAN: | 02:00 PM |
| | | TIME COMPLETED: | 04:00 PM |

NARRATIVE

- 1 On today's date, the undersigned analyst conducted on onsite visit and evaluation of the facility referenced for
2 the purpose of initial certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) as mandated by
3 California law. In conducting this visit, this analyst's objective was to determine whether the facility:
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 - has adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision
5 and treatment services to youth/clients in care.
 - is in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations as well as being licensed
6 and in good standing with the licensing authorities of the state of geographical location - - in this case, the
7 state of Arizona..
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10 The Mingus Mountain Farrington House is one of two satellite group homes to the larger 80- bed Mingus
11 Mountain Academy, where clients are typically placed initially for residential care and treatment within the
12 Mingus Mountain organization. The Academy was previously certified by the CDSS June 26, 2008 as an
13 80-bed residential treatment/educational program for female youth ages 12 to 18. **(NOTE: For a complete
14 description and overview of MMA, its program, purpose, methods and goals, reference the initial
15 certification report for the Mingus Mountain Academy dated June 26, 2008.)**
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17 The Farrington House basically serves as an extension of the Academy program and is offered to clients who
18 have successfully adjusted and/or completed the Academy program. While placed at Farrington House,
19 clients continue to participate in school and programming Monday through Friday at the Academy, but are
20 offered the opportunity to live off-campus and step down to a lower level care in a more home-like
21 environment in a traditional neighborhood setting located in Dewey, Arizona. While here, transitional living
22 skills are heavily focused upon - - the goal being to prepare the young women for adulthood and living
23 independently. The home itself is a five bedroom, two bath single family dwelling. Four of the bedrooms
24 accommodate two clients; one bedroom is for a single client for a total bed capacity of nine.
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The facility is licensed in the state of Arizona by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of
Licensing Services, Office of Behavioral Health Licensing, as a Level 2 Behavioral Health Residential

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Yuk Kung

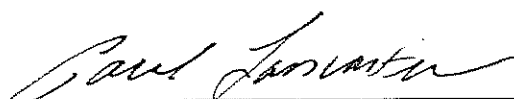
TELEPHONE: (916) 327-8763

LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Carol Lancaster

TELEPHONE: (916) 838-5751

LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:

DATE: 06/24/2009



I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:

DATE: 06/24/2009

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)**FACILITY NAME:** MINGUS MOUNTAIN: FARRINGTON HOUSE**FACILITY NUMBER:** 602300061**VISIT DATE:** 04/29/2009**NARRATIVE**

Agency (Lic. #BH-1122.) The facility's current license was just issued on April 14, 2009 and is good for the period May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. The last "status review" was conducted on June 13, 2008, and an on-site sanitation survey was conducted on July 29, 2008, both conducted by Arizona licensing.

A Food Safety Evaluation Report dated November 4, 2008 conducted by a representative with Yavapai County Community Health Services reflects that the facility's kitchen and food supply is also in compliance with that oversight agency.

Mingus Mountain is also accredited by the Joint Commission. This accreditation includes the Farrington House. The last date of accreditation was September 15, 2007. This accreditation is good for up to 39 months.

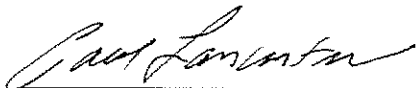
Based on a Care Home Inspection Report of the Central Yavapai Fire District, the facility was last fire cleared on May 2, 2007.

SCOPE OF INITIAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Application for Certification submitted and reviewed.
- Verification that home meets all applicable licensing and fire safety laws and regulations in the state of Arizona.
- Onsite visit and evaluation:
- Entrance interview and facility and program discussion/meeting with Team Leader Jesse Peterson and Quality Assurance Director Bo Fleming.
- Physical tour/inspection of home: License was posted, toxic household chemicals and cleaners as well as medications safely maintained in adequate and locked storage; ample supply of food, cooking and eating utensils; linens and bedding; and other home amenities.
- Staffing level deemed adequate; all staff had background clearances as appropriate.
- Exit interview.

FINDINGS, AREAS OF CONCERN AND/OR THOSE REQUIRING CORRECTION:

Based on the application submitted as well as this analyst's observations, evaluation and analysis of the facility and program, certification by the CDSS is approved at this time.

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